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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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CINCPAC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, LA, AU, US

SUBJECT: DEAN/SHARMAN CASE

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

D/HA FOR SIEVERTS

1. AUSTRALIAN CHARGE CALLED ON EMBOFF OCTOBER 28 AND INFORMED HIM THAT SEPTEMBER, 1974, DISAPPEARANCE IN LAOS OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN NEIL SHARMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY AMCIT CHARLES DEAN, STILL AN ISSUE OF PUBLIC AND POLITICAL CONCERN IN AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY VIENTIANE HAD RECENTLY MADE REPRESENTATIONS AT MFA ASKING FOR REOPENING OF THE CASE. LAO OFFICIALS DISPLAYED NO INTEREST IN DOING SO, HOWEVER.

2. EMBOFF ASKED IF CHARGE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR AMEMBASSY TO MAKE PARALLEL REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF DEAN. CHARGE THOUGHT NOT, GIVEN LAO GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD UNITED STATES, AND SUGGESTED THAT WE AWAIT RESULTS, IF ANY, OF AUSTRALIAN DEMARCHE.

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3. ACCORDING TO CHARGE, GOA, IN VIEW OF LAO INTRANSIGENCE,  
IS PLANNING TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS INFORMATION ON THE CASE.  
HE ASKED IF USG MIGHT HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO SUCH ACTION  
ON GOA'S PART. EMBOFF REPLIED HE BELIEVED PUBLICITY  
WOULD CAUSE USG NO PROBLEMS. CHARGE ADDED THAT IN ORDER  
TO DO SO GOA REQUIRED PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE ON CASE  
BY USG. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, FILES ON  
DEAN CASE NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT EMBASSY VIENTIANE.  
HE WOULD, HOWEVER, ASK DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION  
TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON WITH TEXTS OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY USG ON  
DEAN CASE.  
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